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TO: NYSED Adult Education Programs
FROM: Robert Purga, Director, ACCES Adult Education Programs
SUBJECT: New Individual Student Record Form (ISRF) FY16/17

In July, 2014 the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) was signed into law. The law supersedes the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) of 1998 and amends the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act, the Wagner-Peyser Act, and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

WIOA is designed to help job seekers access employment, education, training, and support services to succeed in the labor market and to match employers with the skilled workers they need to compete in the global economy. The purpose is to better align the workforce system with education and economic development in an effort to create a collective response to economic and labor market challenges on the national, state, and local levels. WIOA continues the trend in workforce legislation by further engaging the private sector to lead local workforce development efforts and focuses on introducing increased flexibility and accountability.

As a WIOA core program, Title II Adult Education, must consider each concern below:

- Better align the workforce, education, and economic development systems,
- Improve the structure of the system and delivery of service through:
 - A focus on regional and local connections,
 - Attention to special population groups, including students, youth, and individuals with disabilities; and,
 - Cross-cutting priority on serving individuals with low literacy or limited English language proficiency.
- Change performance measures, and increase transparency and accountability which include the need for use of common data elements across the core programs,
- Emphasize stronger business engagement.

To further prepare for the changes in WIOA, we have redesigned the NYSED Individual Students Record Form (ISRF). The form now includes the fields necessary for our programs to align with the other WIOA partners. Please find attached to this memo, the new NYSED ISRF form. In addition, we have prepared an NYSED ISRF Supplemental form that will be used to collect additional information from students who were previously active in your literacy program and are now returning for more assistance in FY16/17. An updated NYSED ISRF Supplemental form must be completed for all existing students that will be active in FY16/17. These ISRF forms are required under NYSED policy; these forms may not be altered.

In addition to the new ISRF and new ISRF Supplemental forms, also attached is a list of definitions for each document.

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